

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18, 20-31, and 35-37. Claims 19, 32 and 38-42 were previously canceled. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) An isolated JAZ polypeptide having a sequence that is identical to the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:8.

34. (Currently Amended)[~~The~~] An isolated JAZ polypeptide, of claim 32 in which said polypeptide [is] having a sequence encoded by a nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under stringent hybridization conditions to a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7, or SEQ ID NO:9, said stringent hybridization conditions being 6X sodium chloride/sodium citrate (SSC) at about 45°C, followed by at least one wash in 0.2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 50°C.

35-42. (Canceled)